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A Report to the Citizens of the City of Fairfax



DATELINE

City Government Offices Close July 4

City government offices will be closed July 4 in observance of Independence Day. Additionally, city facilities, including the Sherwood Community Center, also will be closed. For information, call 703-273-1776.

The General District Court also will be closed; call 703-385-7866.

Due to Independence Day activities, there will be no CUE Bus service. For information, call 703-385-7859.

The Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center will be open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. July 4. For information, call 703-385-8414.

The Civil War Interpretive Center at Historic Blenheim will be closed July 4. For information, call 703-591-0560.

Trash and recyclables will not be collected July 4. Wednesday and Thursday collection will be provided Thursday, July 5. For information, call 703-385-7847.

Final Budget Available

The adopted budget for fiscal year 2012-13 is available July 1 for download on the city's website.

Additionally, a limited number of copies are available in Room 312 in City Hall or by calling 703-385-7870.

The document also will be available for review in the City of Fairfax Regional Library Virginia Room, 10360 North Street.

If you're new to the city, welcome!
Call 703-385-7800
for new resident information.

Celebrate Independence Day With City of Fairfax July 4

Join in the fun, excitement and hometown tradition of Independence Day in the City of Fairfax.

Among the festivities planned July 4 are a parade, firefighter games, history exhibits and tours, and an evening show featuring live music and fireworks choreographed to music.

Parade — The 46th annual Independence Day Parade steps off at 10 a.m. at Route 123 at the Massey Building driveway, 4100 Chain Bridge Road, and loops through Old Town Fairfax. This year, the parade theme is "A Star Spangled Celebration."

Among the features of this year's parade are the Fairfax High School Marching Rebels, Just Klownin CC Lowrider Car

Club and the Very Hungry Caterpillar.

The parade grand marshal is Alan Merten, the former president of George Mason University. Honorary grand marshals are George Tankard, former school superintendent, and his wife, Madeline — both very active in the community.

The parade will be shown live and replayed on Cityscreen-12, the city's television station, and is available on the city website to view and download — or, new this year: watch the replay on the city's YouTube

channel.

Copies of the televised program will
continued on page 2



**CUE Bus fares, schedules change beginning July 1 —
see page 4 for information!**

Comprehensive Plan Amendments Available for Review in Print, Online

The City of Fairfax has published amendments to the *Comprehensive Plan* recently adopted by City Council. Adopting amendments allowed the city to address portions of the plan that required immediate attention while allowing for a thorough evaluation of the plan as a whole.

The amendments include the Fairfax Boulevard Master Plan vision and summary and a new chapter on parks, recreation and open space. Additionally, the amendments offer a more detailed definition of mixed use development and a clearer description of development

preferred on Fairfax Boulevard.

The *Comprehensive Plan* and amendments may be viewed on the city's website; in City Hall Annex Room 207; and in the Virginia Room of the City of Fairfax Regional Library, 10360 North Street. The *Comprehensive Plan* may be purchased for \$32.

The *Comprehensive Plan* is the primary reference for local decision-making for land use and development. The city will draft a new plan in the future, and will keep the community apprised of how to participate in the process.

For information, call 703-385-7930.

Independence Day Activities

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be available for purchase and loan (see page 5 for information).

Fireman's Day — Watch the region's fire companies compete using firefighting techniques and equipment at the *Old Fashioned Fireman's Day* beginning at 12:30 p.m. at Fire Station 3, 4081 University Drive.

Museum, HFCI Recognition — Celebrate the Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center's 20th anniversary and the 30th anniversary of Historic Fairfax City, Inc. (HFCI) at 2 p.m. at the museum, 10209 Main Street.

Meet the movers and shakers of Fairfax historic preservation, watch the dedication of capital campaign donor bricks, enjoy birthday cake and be first to see the new exhibit, *Collecting Fairfax: The First 20 Years, 1992-2012*. The museum will be open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. July 4.

Evening Show, Fireworks — The *Evening Show* at 7 p.m. at Fairfax High School features a children's entertainment area, fireworks and music by the City of Fairfax Band and *Leggz* (music from Motown to the rock of the 70s and 80s).

Parking, Shuttle Buses — Parade shuttle bus service runs 8:30-10:30 a.m. and noon to 1:30 p.m. from George Mason University, Woodson High School and Fairfax United Methodist Church.

For the evening show, shuttle buses will run 6-9:15 p.m. from Woodson High School and will return spectators to the school immediately after the fireworks.

For information about handicapped parking, call 703-385-7858.

Rain date — The rain date for fireworks only is July 5. In this case, shuttle buses will run from 7-9:15 p.m. from Woodson High School for fireworks only and will return spectators to the school immediately after the fireworks. Old Lee Highway road closures also will be in effect from about 9:15-11 p.m. after the fireworks.

Sponsors, Information — Sponsors include 97.1 WASH-FM, Crystal Springs and Fair City Mall. Download a program from the city's website. For information visit the city's website or call 703-385-7858.

Independence Day Highlights July 4, 2012

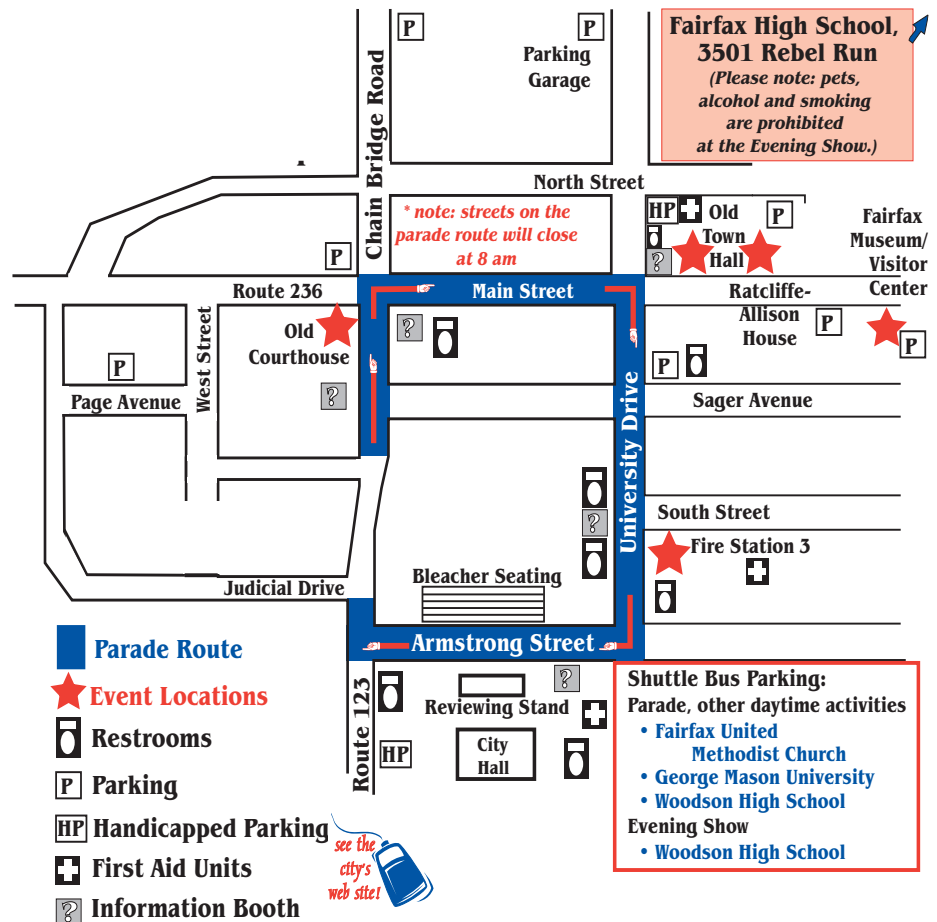
9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center Open House, 10209 Main Street

10 a.m. to noon 46th annual Independence Day Parade (*rain or shine*)

11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Ratcliffe-Allison House guided tours, 10386 Main Street

12:30-5 p.m. Old Fashioned Fireman's Day at Fire Station 3, 4081 University Drive

7-10:30 p.m. Evening show at Fairfax High School stadium, 3501 Rebel Run (*rain date for fireworks only is July 5*)



Traffic Detoured July 4 for Celebrations

Detours will be in effect July 4 for Independence Day activities. For information, call 703-385-7975.

Independence Day Parade — Vehicles and pedestrians traveling on Route 236/Main Street will be detoured to North Street from 8 a.m. until after the parade (around noon).

Also at that time, affected portions of University Drive, George Mason Boulevard and Route 123/Chain Bridge Road traffic will be rerouted and parking will be restricted on those roads.

Fireman's Day — University Drive will close from Sager Avenue to Armstrong Street from about noon to 5 p.m. for the Old Fashioned Fireman's Day at Fire Station 3, 4081 University Drive.

Evening Show — To allow spectators to exit from Fairfax High School after the evening show, no through-traffic will be permitted from about 9:15 p.m. to about 11 p.m. on Old Lee Highway.

If the fireworks are postponed to July 5, the Old Lee Highway detours will be in effect at that time.

Crime Goes High-Tech, According to Annual Report

First in a series

Crime in the city became more high-tech, according to the *City of Fairfax Police Department Annual Report*. While there were increases in several categories of index crime in 2011, there were decreases in others, most notably motor vehicle thefts, which declined by 57 percent.

Residents and businesses continued to be the victims or attempted victims of a wide-ranging variety of frauds, many of them related to the Internet. Residents are reminded to never give out personal information over the telephone and to call the police department if they receive calls or letters of that nature.

The changing technological landscape has also greatly changed the nature

of many criminal investigations, placing new demands on investigators.

Thefts of items from motor vehicles, many of them left unlocked, were a recurring problem throughout the year, as were instances of vandalism. The city police continue to implement the Lock-Take-Hide program, encouraging securing both home and vehicles from theft.

To help prevent crime, the police department offers many services, home security inspections for residents, as well as block watch programs and safety lectures for civic groups. For information, call 703-385-7966.

For a copy of the annual report, visit the city's website or call 703-385-7966.

Parking Regulations Remain in Place, Even With Fewer Signs on the Street

There may be fewer signs on the street, but that doesn't change the rules: parking restrictions continue to be strictly enforced.

Some city neighborhoods (including Green Acres, Old Lee Hills and Country Club Hills) are Residential Parking Permit Districts (RPPDs) and require vehicles to display a special city decal or visitor permit to legally park on the street during certain hours.

This prevents drivers from nearby businesses and schools from over-

whelming the neighborhoods with parked vehicles.

The city has removed some signs from these neighborhoods to make the area appear less cluttered.

However, no matter the total number of signs, district boundaries have not changed and violating vehicles may be ticketed and towed.

For information on residential permit parking districts, call 703-385-7889. For information on parking enforcement, call 703-385-7924.



Keep Your Home and Household Safe from Fires With Precautions, Alarms

A recent study by the U.S. Fire Administration found that three-quarters of all civilian fires occur in residential buildings, usually in the kitchen or bedrooms. The study also found that about 35 percent of home fire-related injuries occur when people try to control the fire themselves.

Prevention is the key to fire control. Never leave cooking food on the stove unattended, keep at least one fire extinguisher in your home and make sure fire alarms are positioned near bedrooms and kitchens.

Know what fire exits exist, and which you will use in case of fire — then use them. Do not try to extinguish a fire if you're unsure of how to do it, and leave the building immediately if you are unsuccessful.

In case of fire, call 911 immediately. If you are unsure whether you can extinguish a fire, leave the building until the fire department permits your return.

The Office of Code Administration will conduct a free fire safety home survey and free smoke detectors. For information, call 703-385-7830.



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Protect Workers: Mark, Keep Sharps Separate

When disposing of "sharps" — broken glass, mirror shards, etc. — store it in a sturdy plastic container marked "sharps" and keep it separate from the trash. This alerts workers, so they can handle it carefully.

Don't Can it: Fluorescent Bulbs are Hazardous

Fluorescent bulbs do not belong in the trash — they are considered hazardous waste. Fluorescent bulbs contain mercury, a metal hazardous to human health and the environment. A single broken fluorescent bulb can contaminate 7,000 gallons of water.

Residents are asked to take fluorescent bulbs — and other hazardous waste, including pesticides — to the Fairfax County Household Hazardous Waste site at 4618 West Ox Road. For information, call 703-324-5068.

Some local hardware stores may collect them, such as Home Depot. Contact the store directly to inquire.

Contractors Must Carry Away Their Debris

Contractors who work on a residence or business must dispose of their own debris, from yard waste to cement. The city pays for disposal of all debris it collects, and it's unfair for city taxpayers to pay for this business expense.

Recycling, Disposal Information Available

Check out these flyers available from the city website or by calling 703-293-7141:

- *How to Dispose of Items in the City*, which lists what items may be disposed of where and how in the city, and
- *Curbside Recycling is Easier Than Ever*, which lists what items are recycled in the blue bins collected by the city.

INFORMATION: 703-385-7837

Reminder: Red Light Cameras at Two City Intersections

The City of Fairfax has posted red light cameras at two intersections: North Street at University Drive and Fairfax Boulevard at Fairfax Circle. Multiple cameras will monitor eastbound and westbound traffic at these intersections.

Multiple people, including one city police officer, will personally review evidence before citations are issued.

The registered owner of the vehicle will be mailed a notice of violation and a secure PIN number for online access the red light violation citation, which includes two still photographs and a 12-second video of the vehicle in the alleged violation. For information, call 703-385-7966.

Love History? Serve on HFCI Board

City residents with an interest in Fairfax history may be eligible to serve on the board of directors for Historic Fairfax City, Inc. (HFCI). Currently, there are three openings.

The non-profit organization promotes interest in and preserving the city's history, as well as administers the Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center. The board meets on the second Wednesday of the month.

For information, e-mail hilcarn31@aol.com or call 703-385-8414.



Join your neighbors in learning about crime and drug prevention on National Night Out August 7.
Law enforcement and fire service providers visit participating neighborhoods with fire trucks, police motorcycles and more.
To participate, call 703-385-7966 or e-mail joejohnson@fairfaxva.gov.

FVFD Seeks Volunteers, Gives Rewarding Opportunities

Whenever there is a fire or medical emergency in the region, the Fairfax Volunteer Fire Department (FVFD) works with the City of Fairfax Fire Department. For nearly seven decades, volunteers have worked alongside Fairfax's career firefighters.

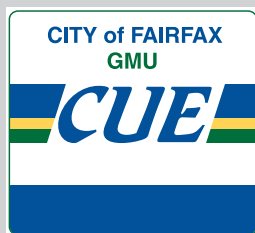
Among the FVFD volunteer opportunities are firefighter and emergency medical technician (EMT) positions. In addition to extensive initial training required for EMT and firefighter positions — which is at the same level of skill as their career counterparts — volunteers undergo at least 40 hours of continuing

education training every year.

Along with emergency work, volunteers help with education programs, fundraising, medical standby at special events and more.

Volunteers receive many benefits, including reduced gym membership initiation fees, free health exams and reduced taxes. Volunteers who meet established criteria pay minimal personal property tax (which currently is 1¢ per \$100 of assessed value for those who qualify).

For information, visit fairfaxvfd.com or call 703-385-7877.



Effective July 1:

- **Fares:** \$1.80 full fare, \$1.60 SmarTrip fare, 85¢ senior/student with proper CUE Bus ID (Note: Mason student/faculty/staff, as well as children age 2 and younger, continue to ride for free)
- **Weekday service ends earlier, including Friday:** Gold 1 terminates at Metro at 11:03 pm, Green 1 terminates at Metro at 10:55 pm.

Information: www.fairfaxva.gov, 703-385-7859

Partial Tax Exemption Offered for Renovated Homes

Residents who plan to substantially upgrade their older residences may be eligible for a partial real estate tax exemption.

The exemption amount is based on the increased value of the residence that has been substantially rehabilitated, renovated or replaced. Exemptions are given for a 10-year period, with a 100 percent exemption of the increased value for the first five years then decreasing percentage for years six through 10.

The residential structure — single-family house or duplex — must be at least 15 years old. The improvements

must increase the assessed value by at least 15 percent. The homeowner must obtain appropriate building permits and inspections during the home improvement process.

Applicant must apply for the exemption *before any construction begins* (preferably as soon as any required building permits are granted).

The city assessor will establish the base value of the home before construction begins, and approve the exemption upon final inspection after construction is finished.

For information, call 703-385-7840.

Volunteers Sought for Advisory Boards

- **Board of Equalization of Real Estate Assessments** (one vacancy for city resident) — Hears appeals of assessed value of real estate. Court appointed. Meets as needed.
 - **Community Appearance Committee** (one vacancies for city resident and one vacancy for city business representative) — Coordinates the city's Adopt-a-Spot program and clean-up month/day programs, in addition to commercial, residential and holiday decoration award programs. Meets on the fourth Thursday of the month.
 - **Economic Development Authority** (three vacancies for city residents) — Fosters and promotes economic development and redevelopment in the City of Fairfax in harmony with the proper balance of commercial and residential enterprise and in alignment with the future needs of the community.
- Applications will be considered at an upcoming City Council meeting following submission. Unless otherwise noted, city residency is required (at least one year living in the city and registered to vote in the city). Submit letters of interest and résumé (if available) to City Clerk Melanie Burrell. Vacancies are subject to change. Information: 703-385-7935.**



JULY CABLE SCHEDULE

Swearing-in Ceremony

The swearing-in ceremony will be replayed at 4 pm daily in July.

The program also is archived online under "special programming" and available on the city's YouTube channel.

The Fairfax Scene

Learn about the Skirmish at Fairfax Courthouse that happened on June 1, 1861. *The Fairfax Scene* plays daily at 6 pm and also at 2 pm through July 3.

The Fairfax Scene is archived online under "special programming" and available on the city's YouTube channel.

2012 Independence Day Parade

Live coverage of the parade begins at 10 am July 4. Through July, the parade replays at 2 pm daily, and at 10 am and 7 pm on days when no meetings are scheduled to replay.

On July 4, the parade replay will immediately follow the 7 pm replay of the July 3 City Council Meeting.

The program also will be archived online under "special programming" and will be available on the city's YouTube channel.

School Board Meeting

Monday, July 2, 7:30 pm, LIVE
replays: Tuesday, July 3, 10 am;
Thursday, July 5, 10 am, 7 pm
Monday, July 16, 10 am, 7 pm
Tuesday, July 17, 10 am, 7 pm
Thursday, July 19, 10 am, 7 pm
Archived online July 3

City Council Meetings, Work Sessions

Tuesday, July 3, 7 pm, LIVE
replays: Wednesday, July 4, 7 pm
Friday, July 6, 10 am, 7 pm
Saturday, July 7, 10 am, 7 pm
Sunday, July 8, 10 am, 7 pm
Archived online July 4
OnDEMAND replay begins July 8
Tuesday, July 24, 7 pm, LIVE
replays: Wednesday, July 25, 10 am, 7 pm
Friday, July 27, 10 am, 7 pm

Saturday, July 28, 10 am, 7 pm
Sunday, July 29, 10 am, 7 pm
Archived online July 25
OnDEMAND replay begins July 29

Planning

Commission Meetings

Monday, July 9, 7 pm, LIVE
replays: Tuesday, July 10, 10 am, 7 pm
Thursday, July 12, 10 am, 7 pm
Archived online July 10
Monday, July 23, 7 pm, LIVE
replays: Tuesday, July 24, 10 am
Thursday, July 26, 10 am, 7 pm
Archived online July 24

Program Copies Available

CityScreen-12 programs are available for loan on DVD from the City Manager's Office (703-385-7855; information@fairfaxva.gov) or the City of Fairfax Regional Library Virginia Room (703-293-6227, ext. 6). DVDs of some programs, including the parade, may be purchased for \$15 each; call 703-385-7803 or e-mail rachael.roth@fairfaxva.gov.

Programming is subject to change — see CityScreen-12 to confirm the programming schedule. Information: 703-385-7803.



Proposed Agendas for School Board, City Council, Planning Commission

School Board (for information, call 703-385-7911)

July 2 regular meeting — annual School Board organization

- Annual School Board organization.
- Update of capital and administrative accounts.
- Presentation on summer school programs in city schools.

City Council (for information, call 703-385-7935)

July 3 special meeting

- Consideration of the 2012-2014 City Council Organizational Resolutions.
- Public hearings and Council action: on an ordinance authorizing the city manager to execute a First Amendment to Ground Lease by and between the city and the Fairfax Police Youth Club, Inc., for a portion of Providence Park, 10615 Canfield Street; on an ordinance extending, for 90 days, the franchise granted to Virginia Electric and Power Company by ordinance dated July 20, 1982; on an ordinance extending, for 90 days, the franchise granted to Verizon Virginia LLC by ordinance dated July 20, 1982.

July 24 regular meeting and work session

- Consent agenda: City Council authorization of contract for construction; consideration of the Community Services Board annual contract.
- Public hearing to consider the request of the City of Fairfax for special exceptions associated with a proposed school bus parking lot to be located on a portion of the property located at 3800 Pickett Road.
- Discussions: on beekeeping in the city of Fairfax; on CUE Bus advertising guidelines.
- Joint discussion with the Bike Task Force on the proposed improvements for a Mason-to-Metro/Metro-to-Mason backbone bike trail.

Planning Commission (for information, call 703-385-7930)

July 9 and July 23 regular meetings

- No agenda items have been set.

Meeting information is subject to change; call to confirm.



Did You Know

- City residents are invited to participate in Inova's 2012 Community Health Needs Assessment. Visit www.inova.org/community — survey participants are identified by zip code only. The results of the survey will be used to help each of the Inova hospitals plan for community services and education.
- Individuals falsely identifying themselves as Department of Labor employees have visited Fairfax County businesses. These people identify "problems" with labor law signs and "fine" the business owners anywhere from \$14 to \$100 in cash. City business owners who encounter these people should immediately call the City of Fairfax Police Department at 703-385-7924.
- Find out first! Find out fast! Sign up for eMAS, the city's electronic message alert system, on the city's website at emas.fairfaxva.gov.

There's an App for That

Those with a smartphone or handheld computer devices may obtain information and service on transportation, recreation and library services.

- Virginia Department of Transportation (www.511virginia.org) provides real-time road and traffic information for via Apple and Android.
- NextBus (nextbus.com) provides information on stops, real-time arrival and route maps for the CUE Bus, WMATA and Prince George's County transit via iPhone, BlackBerry and Android.
- The Active Network (active.com) allows for quick searches for area activities via Apple and Android — enter "Fairfax" or let the phone search from your location.
- Patrons of the Fairfax County Regional Library (www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library) can reserve books, place holds, check their account status, read book reviews and summaries — and more — using the Fairfax County Regional Library app for Apple (iPhone, iPad, iTouch).

Customers also may receive these services using Web browsers and mobile site options.

In Case of Emergency...

City newsline

703-273-1776

recorded information
24-hour access, updates

City website

www.fairfaxva.gov

24-hour access, updates

Cityscreen-12

Channel 12 on cable television
and city website

24-hour access, updates

eMAS message alert system

messages sent to subscribers
via e-mail, pager, text and phone
24-hour access, updates

1650 AM radio

24-hour access, updates

General Information

703-385-7855 (TTY: 7-1-1)
regular business hours

Office of Emergency Management

703-385-4856 (TTY: 7-1-1)
regular business hours

Attend, View City Council Meetings, Work Sessions

The public is encouraged to attend City Council meetings and work sessions.

Regular meetings usually are scheduled at 7 p.m. the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month in the City Hall Annex. Work sessions typically are scheduled immediately following the meetings. Additional work sessions and meetings are scheduled as needed.

The public may address the Mayor and City Council at regular meetings. Call 703-385-7935 or e-mail cityclerk@fairfaxva.gov to sign up to speak at a meeting, or to confirm meeting information.

Meeting agendas are available on the city's website, from the City Clerk's Office and at the meeting.

Televised meetings and work sessions are available on Cityscreen-12, the

city's television station. The channel is available online and on cable television through Cox Communications and Verizon. See page 5 for the Cityscreen-12 program schedule.

Televised work sessions and meetings may be viewed (with agendas) or downloaded as MP3 (audio) and MP4 (video) files from the city's website.

Meetings also may be borrowed on DVD from the city (703-385-7803) and from the City of Fairfax Regional Library Virginia Room (703-293-6227).

Televised meetings and work sessions may be purchased for \$15 each (cash or check) from Cityscreen-12; call 703-385-7803 or e-mail Rachael.Roth@fairfaxva.gov.

Viewers may record meetings directly from the telecast for their personal use.

ICEdot Provides Electronic Medical Information During Emergencies

The next generation of medical information sharing now is available: Icedot.

ICEdot (formerly known as "Invisible Bracelet") is a database that securely stores individual medical information accessible only by emergency medical responders and the Inova Fair Oaks emergency room (with expectations that other local hospitals will opt-in to the program). All information is maintained in a manner compliant with federal laws.

Individuals create and maintain their medical history information via computer. Each is assigned a unique code

listed on a wallet card, sticker, bracelet and keychain fobs kept by the individual.

Participants may opt for e-mail reminders to update information and designate individuals who will receive a text message in case of emergency.

Individuals may designate a friend or family member to submit their information to the database.

The cost for this service is \$10 a year — with the first year free courtesy of the City of Fairfax Professional Firefighters and Paramedical and the Fairfax Volunteer Fire Department; use the code AYJLE when signing up at <https://icedot.org/site/>.

Pedestrian Safety is a Two-Way Street

Road safety is not about who has the "right of way," but how to travel safely. Pedestrians and drivers both have responsibilities when it comes to safety. Both should pay attention to what the other is doing and respond cautiously.

Pedestrians and drivers should make eye contact with each other to make sure they've seen each other.

Drivers should pay attention to pedestrian movement along and in the street. Slow down, drive at or below the speed limit (depending on conditions). Do not "block the box." This is especially important for pedestrians with disabilities and who use assistive devices — these

folks are in particular need of clear access to curb cuts and sidewalks.












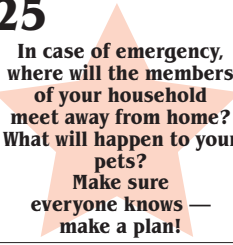

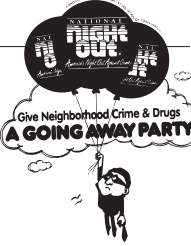
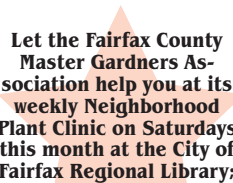
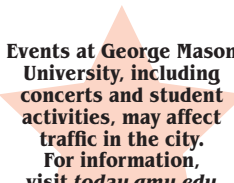
Pedestrians should always press the "walk" buttons at crosswalks and wait for their signal. The signal will not "forget" or skip pedestrians in its cycle, and will prevent pedestrians from stepping in front of (and delaying the movement of) vehicles. The button triggers the system to build in additional "red" time to allow for safe pedestrian movement.

Even if pedestrians must wait a minute or two for that "walk" signal — no matter how long the wait feels — that patience can save a life on the road.

For information, call 703-385-7966.

City of Fairfax Community Calendar

July 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1  CUE Bus fare and schedule changes implemented – see page 4 Sunday Farmers' Market, 10 am to 2 pm, West and Main streets	2  School Board meeting, 7:30 pm, City Hall Annex (televised; see page 5)	3  City Council meeting and work session, 7 pm, City Hall Annex (televised) English Conversation Group, 7 pm, City of Fairfax Regional Library	4 Independence Day  Trash and recyclables are not collected Independence Day Activities — see page 1 Independence Day Parade, 10 am, LIVE  City government offices closed; General District Court closed; no CUE Bus service; Blenheim closed	5 Wednesday and Thursday regular trash and recyclables collected Fairfax City Democratic Committee meeting, 7:30 pm, City Hall Annex	6 Bingo, 7:15 pm, Fire Station 3 (benefits the Fairfax Volunteer Fire Department) City of Fairfax Band, 7 pm, Old Town Plaza, 3955 Chain Bridge Road	7 Farmers' Market, 8 am to 1 pm, West and Main streets Ratcliffe-Allison House guided tours, 11 am to 2 pm
8 Sunday Farmers' Market, 10 am to 2 pm, West and Main streets Second Sunday Series: <i>Curator's Tour</i> , 2 pm, Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center	9  Planning Commission meeting, 7 pm, City Hall Annex (televised; see page 5)	10 Board of Zoning Appeals meeting, 7 pm, City Hall Annex English Conversation Group, 7 pm, City of Fairfax Regional Library	11 Spotlight on the Arts meeting, 7 pm, City Hall Annex Historic Fairfax City, Inc. meeting, 7 pm, Civil War Interpretive Center at Historic Blenheim	12  Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting, 7 pm, Community Center Children's Concert with the City of Fairfax Band, 7:30 pm, Veterans Amphitheater (rain location: Lanier Middle School)	13 Sherwood Cinema Series: <i>Dolphin Tale</i> , 7 pm, Sherwood Community Center Bingo, 7:15 pm, Fire Station 3 (benefits the Fairfax Volunteer Fire Department)	14 Farmers' Market, 8 am to 1 pm, West and Main streets Ratcliffe-Allison House guided tours, 11 am to 2 pm
15 Sunday Farmers' Market, 10 am to 2 pm, West and Main streets	16  Make a difference in your community: join a city or regional board or commission! Visit the city's website for information, or call 703-385-7935.	17 Commission on the Arts meeting, 7 pm, Sherwood Community Center English Conversation Group, 7 pm, City of Fairfax Regional Library	18 Economic Development Authority meeting, 6:30 pm, 4031 University Drive Board of Architectural Review meeting, 7 pm, City Hall Annex	19  Afternoon Reading Group, 1 pm, City of Fairfax Regional Library City of Fairfax Republican Committee meeting, 7 pm, City Hall Annex Main Street Community Band, 8 pm, Veterans Amphitheater	20 Bingo, 7:15 pm, Fire Station 3 (benefits the Fairfax Volunteer Fire Department)	21 Farmers' Market, 8 am to 1 pm, West and Main streets Secure document shredding event, 8 am, Oak Marr RECenter, 3200 Jermantown Road Ratcliffe-Allison House guided tours, 11 am to 2 pm
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29 Sunday Farmers' Market, 10 am to 2 pm, West and Main streets	30  NATIONAL NIGHT OUT Give Neighborhood Crime & Drugs a GOING AWAY PARTY	31 English Conversation Group, 7 pm, City of Fairfax Regional Library	 Let the Fairfax County Master Gardeners Association help you at its weekly Neighborhood Plant Clinic on Saturdays this month at the City of Fairfax Regional Library: www.fairfaxva.gov/library; 703-293-6227.	 Events at George Mason University, including concerts and student activities, may affect traffic in the city. For information, visit today.gmu.edu or call 703-993-1056.	Helpful Phone Numbers City government information..... 703-385-7855 City News and Events Line..... 703-273-1776 Arts and Cultural Events Line..... 703-352-ARTS City of Fairfax Regional Library 703-293-6227 Civil War Interpretive Center..... 703-591-0560 Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center 703-385-8414 FHS Sports Line..... 703-749-8130 George Mason University events..... 703-993-1056 Information is subject to last-minute change.	

National Night Out is August 7 — has your neighborhood signed up yet to participate? Information: Joe.Johnson@fairfaxva.gov, 703-385-7966.



ARTS, CULTURE & RECREATION

Check out *Leisure Times* for classes, trips, activities, special events and more!

Library Celebrates Anniversary July 7-14

The City of Fairfax Regional Library, 10360 North Street, is turning 50 this month. For information on scheduled events, visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library or call 703-293-6227.

The oldest Fairfax County Public Library branch opened in a small cinder-block building in 1940. In 1962, "Central Library" moved to Route 123/Chain Bridge Road to serve as the library's headquarters. In 1982, it became "Fairfax City Regional Library" and, in 2008, moved to its current location and was renamed "City of Fairfax Regional Library."

History Programs Scheduled

Take the curator's tour of *Collecting Fairfax: The First 20 Years, 1992-2012*, the Fairfax Museum and Visitor's Center's 20th anniversary exhibition, at 2 p.m. July 8 at the Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center. Information: 703-385-8414.

Enjoy 'One of the Very Best Regiments':

The 83rd Regiment Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry when historian George Geutsch tells the tale of these soldiers, mainly from Erie, Pa., at 2 p.m. July 28 at the Civil War Interpretive Center at Historic Blenheim, 3610 Old Lee Highway. Information: 703-591-0560.

Sign up for Legacy of Fairfax Golf Tournament August 27

Golfers are invited to participate in

the 2012 Legacy for Fairfax Charity Golf Tournament August 27 at the Army Navy Country Club.

Legacy for Fairfax is a non-profit organization that accepts contributions in the form of tax-deductible gifts and naming opportunities for the city's community center and parks, trails and facility equipment — from planting a tree to donating a bench or dog post.

For information, visit www.legacyfor-fairfax.org or call 703-385-7858.

Summer Concert Series Held July 12-26

Spend summer evenings at the free Summer Concert Series held on the lawn of the Veterans Amphitheater at City Hall, 10455 Armstrong Street. Guests must provide their own seating. For information, call 703-757-0220.

Concerts are cancelled in case of rain — except for the Children's Concert, which will be relocated to Lanier Middle School, 3801 Jermantown Road. Concert cancellations are announced on Cityscreen-12, the city's television station; on 703-273-1776, the city's newslines; on the city's website and through eMAS, the city's electronic message alert system.

July 127:30 p.m. Children's Concert with the City of Fairfax Band

July 198 p.m. Main Street Community Band

July 268 p.m. City of Fairfax Band



Bonus concert:
Friday, July 6
7 pm
Old Town Plaza,
3955 Chain Bridge Road

For more information, call the Parks and Recreation Department at 703-385-7858 (TTY Relay: 7-1-1).



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